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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITION OF THE HARTISMERE RURAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Gentlemen,

We present the report for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

STATISTICS.

Area.	96,486 acres.
Population.	17,040.
Inhabited houses.	5,067.
Rateable value	£37,856.
Product of 1d rate	£ 168.

BIRTHS

	M	F	Total.	RATE per 1000.	RATE for England.
Legitimate	115.	163.	278.	17.4	17.9
Illegitimate	12.	8.	20.		
Still Births.					
Legitimate.	5.	2.	7.	.41	.42

DEATHS.

	87.	109.	196.	11.5	10.8
Under 1 year	1.	2.	3.	10.7	34 (per 1000 births).

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Tuberculosis,			Pneumonia	6.	-
Respiratory	2.	2.	Other respiratory dis.	1.	1.
Other forms	-	1.	Ulcer of stomach	-	2.
Syphilis	-	1.	Appendicitis	1.	1.
Influenza	-	2.	Other digestive dis.	3.	3.
Cancer	11.	24.	Nephritis	1.	3.
Diabetes	-	1.	Puerperal sepis	-	1.
Apoplexy	9.	9.	Congenital causes	1.	2.
Heart	31.	37.	Suicide	4.	3.
Other circulatory dis.	5.	6.	Road Traffic	-	1.
Bronchitis	-	1.	Other violence	1.	2.
			Other causes	11.	6.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles	410.	Erysipelas	3.
Whooping Cough	30.	Infective jaundice	4.
Scarlet Fever	21.	Puerperal Pyrexia	1.
Pneumonia	15.		

Total - 484.

One typhoid was notified but not confirmed. The outbreak of measles was more marked to the West of the District and ceased rapidly towards the end of July. It was not of a grave type and no deaths are reported.

TUBERCULOSIS.

25 new cases were notified.

Age and sex distribution :-

Pulmonary	- Males	2, 9, 17, 18, 21, 25, 26, 28, 34, 35, 24.
do.	- Females	24, 24, 30, 30, 27, 34.
Non-Pulmonary	- Males	2, 4, 13, 37, 55.
do.	- Females	1, 47, 53.

6 deaths took place -

Pulmonary	- Males	25, 27.
do	- Females	30, 34, 50.
Non-Pulmonary	- Female	1.

64 remain on the register.

Notification of all diseases is satisfactory.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Under age five	39.3% of the child population protected.
All ages to 14	58.9% " " " " "

20 "Booster" treatments, in addition, were given.

MILK.

Out of 19 samples taken for tuberculosis, 16 were found to be negative. Of the three positive samples the animal responsible was slaughtered in two and not discovered in one.

CHILD WELFARE.

One case of a delinquent child in the guardianship of an incompetent person was taken to court and satisfactorily settled.

HOUSING.

No. of Permanent Houses completed during 1948	33.
No. of Aluminium Houses completed during 1948	6.
No. of Aerodrome Hutments converted	17.
Houses completed by private enterprise.	8.

Proposed for 1949.

Permanent Houses	113.
Converted Hutments.	19.

WATER SAMPLING.

13 routine samples were taken from the Council's piped supplies during the year: all were satisfactory except one, which proved satisfactory on re-sampling.

WATER.

During 1948 Stage II of the Post-War water supply scheme was completed; this included the parish of Mendlesham and extensions in the parishes of Laxfield, Bedfield, Wingfield, Wyverstone and Rickinghall, a total of approximately 12 miles bringing the total length of the Council's mains to approximately 72 miles.

Extensions proposed to be carried out in 1949-50 include the parishes of Stuston, Hoxne, Denham, Redlingfield, Bedingfield, Occold, Thorndon, Athelington, Mendham and Tannington, and within parishes already served.

Details of piped supply to each parish and population served by piped supply to housesare as follows :-

Aspall	No piped supply.
Athelington	10.
Bacton	125.
Bedfield	50.
Bedingfield	No piped supply.
Botesdale	140.
Braiseworth	No piped supply.
Brome	No piped supply.
Brundish	50.
Burgate	No piped supply.
Cotton	76.
Denham	20.
Finningham	42.
Fressingfield	175.
Gislingham	140.
Horham	90.
Hoxne	24.
	(No piped supply in main village).
Kenton	No piped supply.
Laxfield	210.
Mellis	No piped supply.
Mendham	No piped supply.
Mendlesham	175.
Metfield	90.
Monk Soham	No piped supply.
Oakley	No piped supply.
Occold	No piped supply.
Palgrave	110.
Redgrave	No piped supply.
Redlingfield	No piped supply.
Rickinghall	160.
Rishangles	No piped supply.
Southolt	7.
Stoke Ash	No piped supply.
Stradbroke	250.
Syleham	42.
Tannington	No piped supply.
Thorndon	No piped supply.
Thornham Magna	No piped supply.
Thornham Parva	No piped supply.
Thrandeston	No piped supply.
Thwaite	No piped supply.
Westhorpe	35.
Wetheringsett	No piped supply.
Weybread	105.
Wickham Skeith	No piped supply.
Wilby	70.
Wingfield	132.
Worlingworth	70.
Wyverstone	84.
Yaxley	No piped supply.

SEWERAGE.

In course of construction -

Brundish - For Post-war Council Houses only.

Wyverstone - For Post-War Council Houses and adjoining properties.

During the year 16 private water carriage drainage systems were installed and 17 houses connected to the Council's sewers, making a total of 33 earth closets converted to water closets.

MILK.

Nine premises were newly registered under the Milk and Dairies Order during 1948.

The total number of T.T. and Accredited Milk Producers in the District at Dec. 31st 1948 was 26 and 19 respectively.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

In September delivery of the two 10 cu.yd Dennis Refuse Collection Vehicles was taken, and the refuse and salvage collection scheme was put into operation.

Excercising their powers under Sec. 75 of the Public Health Act 1936 the Council decided to supply dustbins to properties included in the scheme and subsequently 4,000 2 cu.ft. 13 B.S. dustbins were purchased and supplied to the properties. It was realised from the start that in a scattered rural district some isolated houses, and houses standing remote from roads, could not be included: thus it was decided that all houses within 100ft of the specified routes should have a direct collection, while those outside the area could be included if the occupiers undertook to bring the bins to a convenient point near the roadside. In this way approximately 80% of the houses in the district are serviced by the scheme.

The nine larger parishes comprising 38% of the houses in the scheme are served by a fortnightly collection, the remaining smaller and more scattered parishes by a 4-weekly collection.

Two disused gravel pits in suitable situations were selected as refuse tips and controlled tipping instituted.

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